REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claim 35 is amended. Claims 1-6, 9-14, 17-24, 26-34, 36, and 37 have been canceled without prejudice. Claims 7, 8, 15, 16, 25, and 35 are pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 7, 8, 15, 16, and 25 stand allowed.

Claim 37 stands objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. As part of this Response, claim 35 has been amended to incorporate the elements of claim 37 as well as intervening claim 36. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 35 is in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. § 103

As part of this Response, the claims rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 have either been canceled or amended to include elements of an allowable claim. These cancellations and amendments have been made in order to expedite issuance of the allowed and allowable claims. These cancellations and amendments have not been made to overcome, and should not be interpreted as having been made to overcome, the rejections of these claims under 35 U.S.C. §103. Applicant reserves the right to pursue these claims in one or more continuation applications.

Conclusion

Claims 7, 8, 15, 16, and 25 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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